

The PVRC Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 14, 1987, 7:30 p.m.

QTH: Paint Branch High School (directions last p.)

- AGENDA:** 1) Vote on New Member Applications
2) Elect New Officers for 1987-'88
3) Discuss HOW TO BECOME A WINNING CONTEST CLUB

Contests: Sept. 12-13: DARC European SSB
(All Dates GMT) Sept. 12-14: ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sept. 13: Contest Journal N.A. CW Sprint
Sept. 20: " " " Phone Sprint

NOTE: MEMBERS ARE SOLICITED TO SERVE ON THE PVRC SPRINT TEAMS, BOTH CW AND PHONE. CALL BOB PETERSON, W3YY, AT (703) 830-1480 (EVES) OR (202) 485-9579 (DAYS) NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY SEPT. 9 FOR CW, MONDAY SEPT. 14 FOR PHONE.

Sept. 19-20: Scandinavian Activity, CW

Sept. 19-20: CRRL CAN-AM, Phone

Sept. 26-27: Scandinavian Activity, Phone

Sept. 26-27: CRRL CAN-AM, CW

Sept. 26-27: Italian YLRC, Phone & CW (!)

Oct. 3-4: Middle of the World (Work Ecuador only)

Oct. 3-4: California QSO Party (many awards)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, Church of the Nativity, Temple Hills, MD

THANKS

Thanks for all the help many of you have extended to me and our other officers over the last two years. The PVRC is on the move, with a steadily increasing number of members, more potential members expressing interest, and veterans renewing their interest and enthusiasm. This is a great club because of its members who actively participate and work to make it great, both on and off the airwaves that are our competitive field. As those who actively participate know, generally what one gets out of PVRC is directly related to what one contributes.

Day-to-day functions are running smoothly, in large measure due to significant contributions made by W3XE, W3GN, W3FG, & N2FB. This will permit the new administration to devote increased attention to other aspects of the club related to our principle purpose of fostering knowledge of, and participation in, contesting.

The PVRC is so large, and spread out over such a large area, that it is a difficult task to form committees for various activities and to document the club's score in the contests. For this reason, I am recommending that we have two vice-presidents to share with the president the work of planning club programs, encouraging contest participation, and documenting that participation so that we don't unwittingly get short-changed as a club participant (see related note below on CQ Worldwide club participation requirements).

One of my most important duties is to recommend a slate of officers that I believe will carry on the club's activities, improving and building upon that which exists. In a club the size of PVRC it is relatively easy

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to fill officer slots, but not nearly as easy to find those most likely to do an outstanding job. Fortunately, we have many members fully capable of contributing in this field, and from among those, I am confident that the 1987-'88 slate of officers will rank with the best that we have ever had.

I will remain active in club affairs, and hope that more of you will join me to support the new officers. I will continue to keep the ether warm from the U.S. Senate station during ARRL's 10 meter and DX contests, and as in the past, will welcome some of the PVRC members' help. Also, I hope finally to have the time and and continue to have the health to put K3ZJ/8 on the air with a big signal, emanating from "Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia." - - - Dave Siddall, K3ZJ - - -

Slate of Officers for 1987-'88. The floor will be open for additional nominations. All nominees must be present or have communicated a willingness to serve. Only members with dues paid through 1987 are eligible to vote.

President : Bob Peterson, W3YY
V. President: Bernie McClenny, WB3JRU
V. President: LaMar Ray, W9LT/4
Secretary : Walt McGugan, W3FG
Treasurer : Carl Andersen, W3XE

PVRC Fowlfest was a resounding success. Again, thanks to Mike KC8C and Dave KM3T for hosting this event, both for the PVRC and the NCDXA. Also, thanks to all of you who also helped throughout the afternoon/evening affair. PVRCers in attendance included: K3ZJ, W2GHK, N4TX, LU3YL/W4, WB3AVN, N2FB, WB3JRU, K3NA, KN3T, K3DI, WB3ANE, N3JT, N3GB, N4MM, KM3T, W3ZZ, N8II, W3LPL, W3XE, W3AZ, W3UJ, W6AXX, W3YOZ, KC3EK, K3RT, W9LT/4, N3II & KC8C. Prospective members attending included WØYVA, G4MZF, K1DQV, WB2EKK, N3FBN, W3FYH, K6IR, W3HXI & K3YGU. NCDXA members not also PVRC members attending included: K3CHP, WB4NFO, KE3A, W3LMZ, KZ3H, NK4U, WC4B, K3SKE, N3EHD. Also attending: N6VF & K1CTK.

CQ Worldwide Club Participation

Bob Cox, K3EST, co-chairman of the CQ Worldwide Contest Committee, has clarified the club participation rule applicable to CQ Worldwide contests. It seems that rule X of the CQ Worldwide Contests is not as explicit as it might be on some points. Bob clarifies that under the rule, if you reside in the PVRC Club area, your participation in the contest, whether inside or outside the country, is creditable to the PVRC. You may not credit it to another club outside the area in which you presently live, whether or not you once were or now are a bona fide member of that club. One obvious purpose of this rule is to prevent war between clubs over members' scores. We've lost some big scores when members moved out of the area, and picked up some big scores when other clubs' members have moved into this area, so it seems to cut both ways fairly. Note that resident members temporarily in another part of the country for the contest can participate and their score is creditable to PVRC, not to the contest club in the area from which they operate (even if they also are a member of that area's club).

Bob's letter reads as follows: "Rule X.2 states that participation for club competition must draw on a pool of operators within a 275 Km radius from the club center (except for DXpeditions especially organized for operation during the contest). The rule is meant to express our desire to encourage DXpeditions for the contest. So that members operating per the club participation rule, can leave the club area and travel anywhere e.g. DX or domestic i.e., K3ZJ operating N5AU. If the club member lives outside

that 275 Km radius, then his score cannot count as part of the club score. For example if you were asked by the SEDXA to help them out at VS6DO's, your score would count for PVRC and their score for SEDXA. If this were not the case, then people from all over the world could help out the SEDXA. In many clubs, there are honorary members, such as OH2BH in the NCDXC, who then could be called on to contribute to the club effort. Rule X.1 states that the club must be a local group. The example you cited of Don, W3AZD operating a few years ago at PJ is correct. His score could not be counted for PVRC. If K3EST operates from PJ1B this year, my score will go to the NCCC and not PVRC. Another example is what about a member who lives in DC, but attends several meetings in SEDXA during the year. He is a member of both groups. Since he lives in DC and that is considerably farther than 275 Km from GA, he can only submit a score for the PVRC."

By the way, Rule X.3, concerning club competition, states that in order for a club to be listed, "a minimum of 3 logs must be received from a club and an officer of the club must submit a list of participating members and their scores, both on phone and c.w." If this rule means what it states, PVRC must initiate efforts to collect member scores, and send these to CQ. We have not done this before, and it could be quite an undertaking.

Local Political Awareness. John Buchanan, KW3X, sent a note emphasizing that in most states it is at the local government level that restrictive legislation and ordinances are passed affecting the Amateur Radio Service, including those that deal with antennas and towers. For this reason, he suggests that we as radio amateurs become involved by being aware of the actions being taken at the County and local levels and report those related to amateur radio to the ARRL section manager. He suggests becoming acquainted with members of the local governing body - particularly those involved in planning - in order to be kept informed on all matters that might affect amateurs. Many counties, towns and cities have a regular bulletin covering their activities and getting on the mailing list makes it easier to assist with legislation prior to its introduction than to cope with it after it is law. John further suggests that inviting members of the local government to speak at club meetings would assist amateur understanding of the government's problems, and also make them aware of the things amateur radio is doing for society and the local community. John also notes that in addition to towers and antennas, government actions in other areas, such as amateur license plates and cable television, also affect us as amateurs.

PVRC Foundation for Amateur Radio Board of Trustees' representative Henry Herman, W3UJ, has resigned that position. Many thanks, Henry, for years of service. I have appointed treasurer W3XE and myself as the new representatives. Since I already sit on the Board of Trustees as a representative of the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society, I will be glad to relinquish the PVRC position to another - contact your new president.

QST for September featured a picture of Toni, KN3T, on its cover. She is shown putting up a Bitternut vertical on Lord Howe Island. Congratulations, Toni! It was odd, however, that the issue had no related article, either about the VK9L operation or the ARRL CW contest.

FREE, two "pole pig" transformers, in new condition, have both 115 and 230 volt inputs. Contact Bill, W3AZ, (301) 292-5797.

Directions to September 14 Meeting

Paint Branch High School, Room A115.

1. D.C. Beltway, counter-clockwise: Exit onto New Hampshire Avenue North (MD 650). Right onto US 29 at White Oak. Left onto Briggs-Chaney Road at 5th stoplight (Montgomery Auto Park is on right). Right onto Columbia Pike, look for Paint Branch High School on right side, about 1/2 mile after turn.
2. D.C. Beltway, clockwise: Exit onto US 29 North (to Columbia). Left on Briggs-Chaney Road (Montgomery Auto Park is on right). Right onto Columbia Pike, Paint Branch High School is on right, about 1/2 mile after turn.
3. Baltimore and points north: South on US 29 or I 95 or US 1 or Baltimore to Washington Parkway, to Maryland Route 198. Right onto 198, pass intersection with US 29, to "Y". Bear left on the "Y", Paint Branch High School is about 1 mile on left.
4. Olney and points northwest: MD 108 to New Hampshire Ave (MD 650). Right on New Hampshire, to MD 198. Left on MD 198 to Old Columbia Pike (Sandy Springs Bank on right at corner), right on Old Columbia Pike. Paint Branch High School is on left, about 1 mile after turn.

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The Potomac Valley Radio Club meets on the second Monday of every month, September through May (except December), alternating between the south and north sides of the D.C. Beltway. The December meeting is a Christmas dinner held at a Washington-area establishment. The June, July, and August meetings are informal social occasions held at a member's home.

N2FB/PVRC Packet Radio Controller for DX and Contest spotting operates on 145.59 MHz. Contact Wayne Hillenbrand at (301) 627-1166 for information. Many PVRCers also can be found on the K3WX 2-meter repeater, 147.00 (-).

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